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piece 540 is sized to mount within the shoulder 434 of the slotted annulus 124 of the frame member 84, as is described hereinbelow with the aid of Fig. 11. A generally U-shaped cable passage slot, generally denoted by the numeral 550 is formed in each of the front end block 536, forward end fixture 528 and the rear end fixture 514, such that the cable 70 can be installed within the cable pulling device 120 from its side. That is, it is not necessary to thread an end of the cable 70 through the cable pulling device 120.

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 19, line 26, and insert the following amended paragraph therefor. A marked up copy of this paragraph is submitted herewith in Appendix A.

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As was previously described with regard to cable puller 120, and with reference to Fig. 28, when the hydraulic pistons 510 are activated the forward end fixture 528 moves away from the front end block 1412. The rearward motion of the forward end fixture 528 causes the collets 560 to close upon and grab the cable 70, pulling it rearwardly (to the right in Fig. 28). Significantly, the front collets 1408 do not grab the cable 70 during the rearward motion caused by the movement of the fixture 528. After the fixture 528 has completed its stroke of generally two to six inches, the forward end fixture 528 returns to its starting position and, the collets 560 release their hold upon the cable and slide forwardly along the surface of the cable. As has been indicated hereabove, where significant resistive force exists in the cable, the cable may stretch, whereupon the cable will not remain stationary, but rather it returns to its unstretched condition. It has been experienced that a long cable may actually stretch one to three inches, thereby significantly reducing the cable motion gain of each stroke of the cable puller.

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